

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10 and 14; cancel claim 2 and add new claims 16 and 17 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A guide for a measuring device comprising: a first longitudinal member, a second longitudinal member, a means to adjustably connect said first and said second longitudinal ~~members,~~ members, said adjustable connecting means joined to said first and said second longitudinal members to maintain said longitudinal members in parallel ~~alignment.~~ alignment, a first resilient member, said first resilient member positioned between and in contact with said first and said second longitudinal members to maintain said longitudinal members spaced from each other.
2. (Canceled)
3. (Original) The guide of claim 1 wherein said adjustable connecting means comprises a threaded member.
4. (Original) The guide of claim 1 wherein said adjustable connecting means comprises a pair of threaded members.

5. (Currently Amended) The guide of claim 4 further comprises a ~~pair of springs,~~ second resilient member, said first and said second resilient members each comprising a spring, each of said springs positioned on different ones of said threaded members.
6. (Currently Amended) In combination, a measuring device and a guide, said guide attached to said measuring device, said measuring device comprising:  
a base; a level, said level pivotally joined to said base, and a protractor, said protractor mounted on said base;  
said guide comprising: a first and a second longitudinal member, a pair of adjustable members; said pair of adjustable members each attached to said first and said second longitudinal members to maintain said guide on said measuring device. device, a pair of resilient members, each of said resilient members positioned between and in contact with said first and said second longitudinal members to maintain space therebetween.
7. (Currently Amended) The combination of claim 6 wherein each of said pair of longitudinal members each comprises a resilient member. resilient members is positioned on a different one of said adjustable members.

8. (Original) The combination of claim 6 wherein said base is pivoted from said level at a desired angle and said guide is attached to said base and said level.
9. (Currently Amended) A method of pattern marking a blank using a measuring device having a pivotable base and a guide having a pair of longitudinal members adjustably connected and resiliently spaced from one another to receive the measuring device therebetween comprising the steps of:
- a) opening the measuring device to a desired angle;
  - b) placing the guide over the opened measuring device whereby the opened measuring device is between the pair of longitudinal members; and
  - c) tightening the guide thereon.
10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 9 further comprising the step of placing the guide against the edge of ~~a blank~~ the blank with the measuring device atop the blank.
11. (Original) The method of claim 10 further comprising the step of marking the blank along the outside of the measuring device.
12. (Original) The method of claim 11 further comprising

the step of removing the guide and measuring device from the blank.

13. (Original) The method of claim 12 further comprising the step of cutting the blank along the marking.
14. (Currently Amended) The method of ~~claim 13~~ claim 12 further comprising the step of placing the guide and measuring device at another position along the blank.
15. (Original) The method of claim 14 and repeating the steps of claim 11 through claim 14.
16. (New) The combination of claim 6 wherein said measuring device further comprises a hinge, said hinge pivotally joining said level to said base, said hinge positioned on said base to allow the end of said level to rest on said base when said measuring device is fully opened whereby said level extends longitudinally normally from said base.
17. (New) The method of claim 9 wherein the measuring device further comprises a level pivotally joined to the base whereby the measuring device is fully opened when the level extends normally from the base.